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27 Provincetown mourned for three days in May, 1898. Schooner Joseph E. Johnson had come in decked in black, with the sad news that 16 of her crew, caught out in a fog in their dories on the Grand Banks, had never been found. Then, this day, an incredible thing happened. Around Long Point came the fleet of dories, with every one of the lost 16 safe and sound! This was their story: lost in the fog, they hung together and started a 200-mile pull to LeHavre, N. S.; hardtack gave out and they got down to a raw fish diet; then by great good luck along came the Norwegian bark China, Hamburg for New York, which took men and dories aboard; then she fell in with schooner Merritt, homeward bound to Boston; the Merritt this day dropped fishermen and dories nine miles off Race Point, and they triumphantly rowed into Provincetown. The lost were found.

April 10, 1902

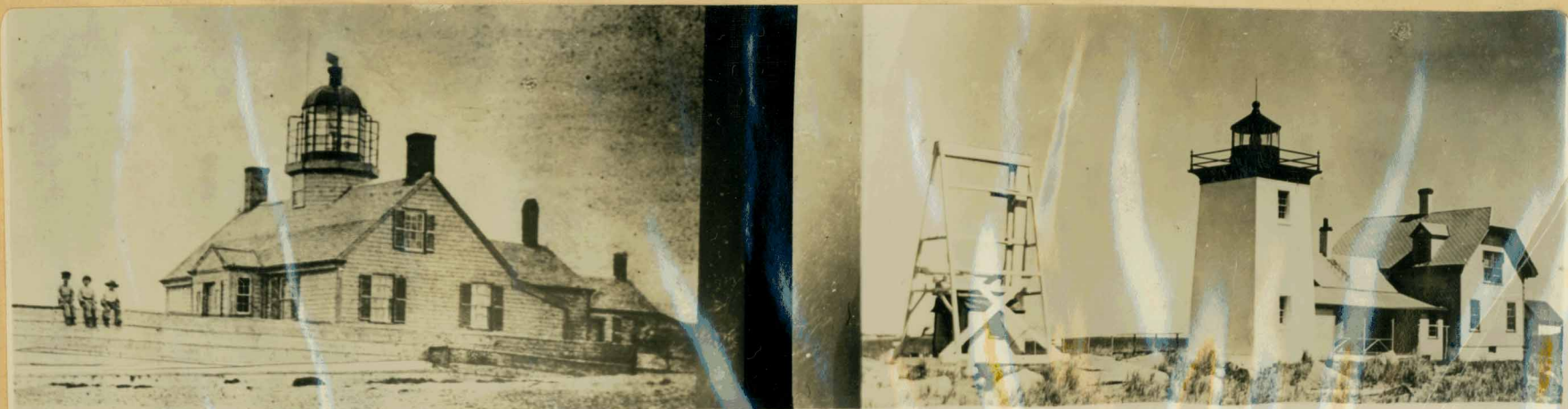
Quite a number of young people visited Truro April 6, returning with beautiful clusters of mayflowers.

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We received a very pleasant call from Myrick C. Atwood, Esq., of Provincetown last Tuesday. In the course of conversation we alluded to Margery Daw, a very prolific writer for the Patriot from Provincetown in the '50s, and quoted an article from her in which Mr. Atwood's father, the late Nathaniel E. Atwood, Esq., was referred to as then living on Long Point. Mr. Atwood said he was born there and that in his boyhood days the population of Long Point was about 600, and a well attended school was maintained there. Soon after Margery Daw's visit the trend began to be toward the mainland and most of the houses comprising the hamlet were moved across the harbor to the west end of the village. The process of removal was interesting. Two scows were placed in position at high water opposite the house to be moved. At low water the house was skidded on to the scows and on the rise of the tide was rowed over to a position opposite the new location, and at low water was moved over ways, laid from the scows, to its new position. Most of the houses were occupied during their removal.

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Long Point Lighthouse from the East - Taken by John R. Smith, 1910



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Long Point Lighthouse Station

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